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STOCK FOR NECKWEAR.

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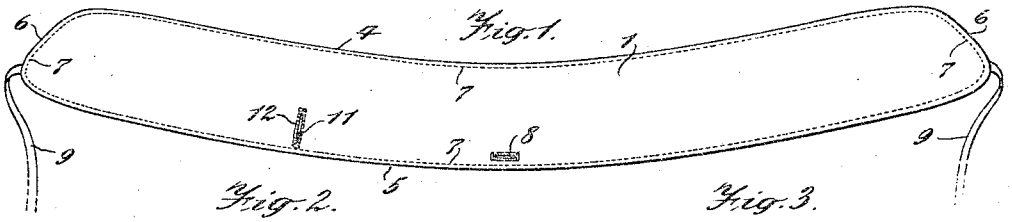


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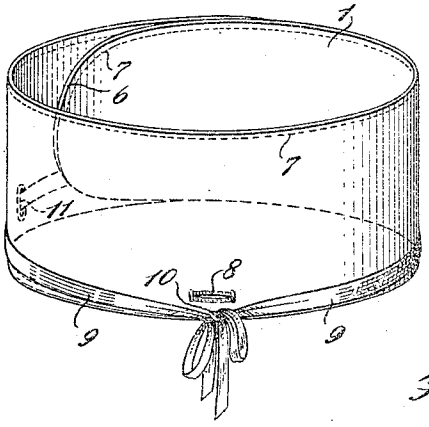


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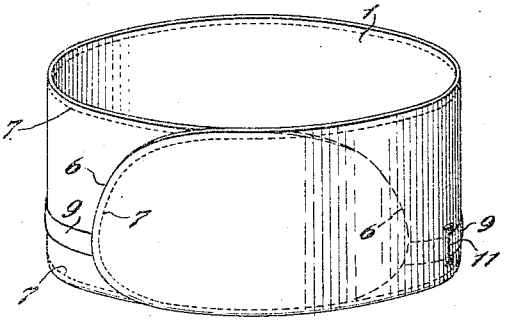


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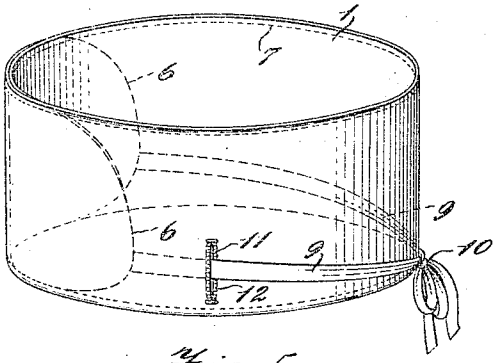
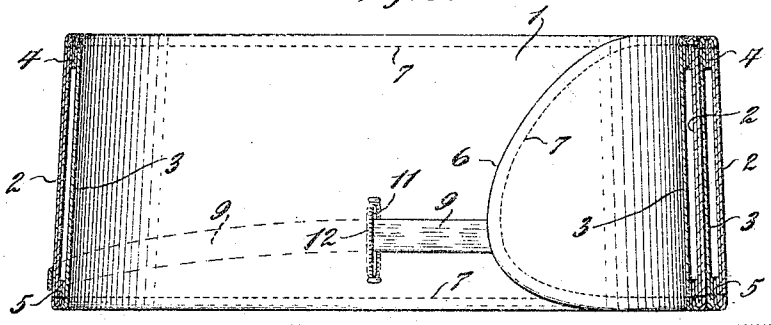


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES K. P. PINE, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Lansingburg, county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocks for Neckwear, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in stocks for neckwear, and while it is adapted for general use, it will be found particularly desirable to military men or those wearing coats having stiff, and closely fitting, upstanding collars. Important objects of the invention, among others, are to provide an improved stock which will be sightly in appearance, which will be adjustable to different sized necks, which will be of substantially uniform height within limits, irrespective of the size of neck upon which it is worn, and which will lie smoothly and snugly about the neck of the wearer without projections or folds which would detract from the appearance of the stock, or the comfort of the person wearing the same.

The invention consists in the improvements to be more fully described hereinafter and the novelty of which will be particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed.

I have fully and clearly illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention in the accompanying drawings to be taken as a part of this specification, and wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a stock embodying my invention, in extended condition;

Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation of the stock shown in Fig. 1 in the position it assumes when being worn;

Fig. 3 is a view in rear elevation of the stock when being worn;

Fig. 4 is a view in side elevation thereof; and

Fig. 5 is a section taken from front to rear of the stock when being worn, and showing parts in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, 1 designates generally a stock body which may be of one or more thicknesses of material, such, for instance, as percale or other fabric suitable for the purpose. In the form shown, the body consists of inner and outer plies 2, 3 laid face to face and curved at their upper and lower edges as at 4, 5, so as to conform properly when worn to a neckband of a shirt and the neck of the wearer, said curved edges being substantially parallel throughout the length of the body, so that when the body is applied to a neck-band of a shirt to be worn, said body will be of substantially the same height throughout its length. The ends of the plies are formed on abrupt curves joining the upper and lower edges of the body, as indicated at 6, and the plies may be connected by a marginal line of stitches 7 extending entirely around the upper, lower, and end edges thereof. At its forward portion, substantially midway between its ends, the body is provided with means for attachment to a shirt neck-band, said means preferably consisting of a longitudinally extending buttonhole 8, adapted to receive a button or other fastening (not shown) carried by a shirt neck-band. I desire it understood that my invention is not limited to the particular means shown for securing the stock body to the shirt neck-band, nor to the particular location of such means at a point intermediate the ends of the body. In fact, in some instances such means may be omitted entirely, for example, the stock body might be pinned to the neck-band of a shirt. Each end of the stock body is provided with a flexible string 9 which I have shown preferably as consisting of soft tape considerably narrower than the width or height of the stock body, relatively more flexible and also thinner or of less thickness.

Arranged at a point preferably intermediate the middle portion of the stock body and one end thereof, and so as to be located at the side portion or rear portion of the stock when being worn, is means adapted to receive one of the strings heretofore described, so as to permit said string to be brought to the forward portion of the stock and connected to the string carried by the other end thereof, for example, by tying said strings together, as indicated at 10. This means preferably consists of an opening cut through the stock body, said opening preferably being in the form of a vertical slit 11 located adjacent the lower curved edge of the stock body, the edges of the fabric defining the opening being preferably bound for example, by buttonhole stitching 12.

When the embodiment shown in the draw-

ings and above described, is to be applied to the neck of the wearer, the body of the stock is connected to the shirt neck-band by engaging the buttonhole 8 with the stud, button or other attaching means (not shown), on the forward end of the shirt neck-band. The ends of the stock body are then carried rearwardly around the neck of the wearer and the string 9 carried by the underlying end of the body opposite the end portion having the slit 11, is carried around the back of the neck and inserted through said slit 11 from the underside of the body toward the outerside thereof, which serves to bring the end of the said string on the outside of the stock body. The strings 9 are then pulled in opposite directions so as to move the ends of the stock body toward and in overlapping relation to each other until the stock body fits the neck of the wearer. It will be understood that the strings may be pulled until any degree of fit is desired. The strings are then brought around and connected to each other in any suitable manner and at any suitable point, preferably by tying them together at the forward portion of the stock as heretofore stated. When the stock is being worn it will be seen that the height of the stock body is substantially the same throughout its circumference, and that the underlying end of the body is located wholly beneath the latter, no part of said underlying end projecting through the slit heretofore described, so that the outer surface of the stock is continuous from the overlying end entirely around the circumference of the body to the point at which it passes beneath said overlying end, and is free of unsightly, bunglesome and uncomfortable projections, creases or folds. The underlying end of the stock is abruptly curved and of considerably greater width than the slit 11, so as to prevent passage of said end through said slit, which insures the unbroken and continuous outer surface just mentioned. While I have shown the underlying end as being abruptly curved, it will be understood that this formation is not obligatory as other configurations may be adapted for accomplishing the same purpose, but that shown and described is preferred.

I do not limit myself to the use of tape to provide the strings 9, as I may use a ribbon, cord, or other flexible member.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. A stock for neckwear adjustable to varying sizes of neck, having means for attaching its central-front portion to the front of the neck-band of a garment, narrow fastening tapes attached to its ends, and a hole near one end through which the tape attached to the other end is passed when the stock is attached to the wearer's garment, the tapes being designed to be drawn up and tied in front independent of a neck-tie or cravat.

2. A stock for neckwear adjustable to varying sizes of neck, having means for attaching its central front portion to the front of the neck band of a garment, narrow fastening tapes attached to its ends, and a hole near one end through which the tape attached to the other end is passed when the stock is attached to the wearer's garment, the tapes being designed to be drawn up and tied in front under a necktie or cravat.

3. A stock for neckwear of soft material having a central buttonhole to engage with the front collar button; a second buttonhole near one end, and narrow fastening tapes secured to both ends, one of said tapes being adapted to be passed through the end buttonhole and both brought around the neck of the wearer and tied in front under a cravat, and thereby adjusting the stock to fit the neck.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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